

Remarks

This Reply is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009.

I. Applicant's Interview Summary

Applicant acknowledges the courtesy of an interview between Examiner Zhang and Applicant's representatives Karl Kenna and Nathan Feld on November 13, 2009. During the course of the interview, the claims and the cited references were generally discussed. No agreement was reached between the parties.

II. Summary of Examiner's Rejections

Prior to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009, Claims 1-2, 4-25 and 35-40 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-14, 16-21 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patterson (U.S. Patent No. 7,093,005) in view of "Java Server Startup". Claims 8, 15 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patterson and "Java Server Startup," in view of Aziz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,597,956 hereafter Aziz).

II. Summary of Applicants' Amendments

No claims are being amended by the present Reply, leaving for Examiner's present consideration Claims 1-2, 4-25 and 35-40. Reconsideration of the Application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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Claim 1

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claim 1, in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 recites:

1. *(Previously Presented) A computer based interactive tool for configuring a domain, comprising:*
 - a computer including a processor and memory, and an interface for communicating with a plurality of servers, wherein each of the servers are capable of providing services as part of a domain;*
 - a user interface executing at the computer which can be used to create and update domains that include the plurality of servers;*
 - a plurality of domain templates used to create domains, wherein each of the domain templates is stored as an archive file on the computer, and wherein each of the domain templates*
 - is associated with a particular domain,*
 - specifies application and service configuration parameters for its particular domain, and*
 - includes any supporting files that are required for building or extending its particular domain; and*
 - wherein the user interface*
 - receives a script which includes a plurality of commands to create or update a specified domain in accordance with a domain template associated with the specified domain,*
 - parses the script to determine the specified domain,*
 - retrieves the domain template associated with the specified domain, including the application and service configuration parameters and supporting files in the domain template, and*
 - automatically executes the plurality of commands together with the domain template, to configure the specified domain at the plurality of servers.*

Patterson discloses a method and apparatus for defining and deploying a networked computer system features creating and storing a graphical representation using a graphical editor to drag and drop icons representing computing elements and network elements into a workspace, such that a logical configuration of the networked computer system is represented by the graphical representation. (Abstract). As disclosed therein, the invention is related to use of a computer system for creating and storing a definition of a data center in a symbolic definition language. The language expresses the logical structure of a data center in a syntactically concise and consistent manner. The language may be used to describe a data

center and its internal components such as servers, load balancers, firewalls, etc. The language provides the ability to describe a data center at a high level of abstraction, in terms of its basic building blocks and their interconnectivity via virtual local area networks (VLANs). (Column 39, lines 24-33). As further disclosed therein, in an embodiment, a textual representation of a data center is created and stored using statements expressed in a language that is based on Extensible Markup Language (XML). (Column 39, lines 54-57).

The "Java Server Startup" e-doc article appears to describe that a JavaServer is represented by one or multiple JAR archives containing all the application class files needed for the server to execute. (Page 1).

As currently presented, Claim 1 recites a computer based interactive tool for configuring a domain, in which the user interface parses a script to determine a specified domain, retrieves the domain template associated with the specified domain, including application and service configuration parameters and supporting files, and then automatically executes the plurality of commands together with the domain template to configure the specified domain at the plurality of servers.

Applicant respectfully submits that, based on the above description, although Patterson appears to disclose creating and using a textual representation of a data center, the textual representation does not appear to include any commands. Instead it appears that, in Patterson, a different system reads the textual representation and then generates a set of commands based on, but otherwise distinct from, the textual representation. The generated set of commands can then be executed to physically link the required elements to create the data center. Thus, in Patterson, it appears that the generated commands alone are used to generate the data center; while the textual representation appears to be of no further use to that particular data center.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Patterson, in view of "Java Server Startup" does not disclose or render obvious the feature wherein the user interface automatically executes the plurality of commands together with the domain template, to configure the specified domain at the plurality of servers, as currently recited by Claim 1.

In view of the above comments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1, as currently amended, is neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of the cited references. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 18 and 25

The comments provided above with respect to Claim 1 are hereby incorporated by reference. For similar reasons as provided above with respect to Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 11, 18 and 25 are likewise neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim 2, 4-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 35-40

Claims 2, 4-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 35-40 depend from and include all of the features of Claims 1, 11, or 18. Claims 2, 4-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 35-40 are not addressed separately herein; however Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable at least as depending from an allowable independent claim, and further in view of the amendments to the independent claims, and the comments provided above. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this reply, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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